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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7445**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1276

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 7, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 7, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Township Board Meetings.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Niemeyer

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Landske

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** It requires a township board to meet in February (instead of January) to approve the annual report of the township trustee.

The bill also allows a township board to reduce the salaries of the township board members by a vote of a majority of the members (instead of by a unanimous vote of the members).

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** If township board member salaries are reduced as a result of the change in the vote required of a township board to do so, townships would achieve cost savings.

*Background:* In 2011, based on data from 941 townships, the average township board member pay was \$877. The salaries ranged from \$100 to \$21,369, with the most frequent salary being \$500 paid in 56 townships.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Townships.

**Information Sources:** Gateway for Indiana Government.

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